

Laketon Bethel Church
September 1, 2024
Dr. Sherwin Brantsen

# Sherwin's Ten Reasons for Going to Church Every Sunday

#### 1. Renew

Everyone goes through times where enthusiasm for life melts away. We all have times where our faith diminishes. Worship on Sunday renews faith and energizes attitudes for all of life.

#### 2. Laugh

Yes. We laugh. Humor is a valuable part of worship. Most of it is unplanned. Sherwin's brother told him years ago that: "People aren't laughing at you because you're funny, they are laughing because you are so stupid..."

#### 3. Pray

Face it. You don't pray much. Church services remind you of the importance of prayer. They jump start your prayer life. You learn more about prayer. When your family is with you, they see you praying and that is an example that changes lives.

## 4. Sing

Songs of faith can move mountains of despair. You probably won't like all the songs. But some of them will change your life.

### 5. Help

You will often find ways to help in your community. When you help, it reduces inherent narcissism. You think less of yourself and more of others. You become more grateful for what you have. You become a better person and a happier one.

#### 6. Give

Yes. Put in some money. Do something with your cash for God instead of for yourself. Don't expect anything back and you will be surprised at how blessed you are. We all waste money. Here you have an opportunity to do something positive with it.

#### 7. Meet

Connect with other people. Laketon Bethel accepts everyone, including you. Many friendships are made on a regular basis. We have great coffee and cookies, which help in all sorts of discussions.

#### 8. Learn

The guy up front is trained and experienced and often knows what he is talking about. You will learn something every Sunday.

#### 9. Grow

When you put what you learn into practice, you will find positive changes in your life. You will have unstoppable growth in ways you don't always expect.

#### 10. Jesus

The church exists because of Jesus. When you participate in it regularly, he is pleased. One day you will meet him face-to-face. If you regularly connect with him through weekly worship services, that meeting will be happy.

# Order of Worship-9:00am

**Gathering Song** 

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Call to Worship

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

"Be Still and Know"

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Crosstalk - "How to Put Fun in Work"

Offering

"Breathe/He's All I Need"

Benediction

"Make Me a Blessing"

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# Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

"Everlasting God"

Call to Worship

"You Are Good"

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

"Surrender"

"All to You"

Crosstalk - "How to Put Fun in Work"

Offering

"Holy Water"

Benediction

"God Be With You"

## **Announcements**

# **LBC Youth Group**

The Youth Group Kickoff is on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm. We will play flag football at Mullally Park and grill out. Parents, siblings and anyone else are welcome to join us. For questions, please see John or Ashley Wierenga.

# **Service Opportunities**

<u>Nursery Help</u> We are in need of volunteers for Second Service Nursery. If interested, please see Sally Hendrixon or Tina Dadd.

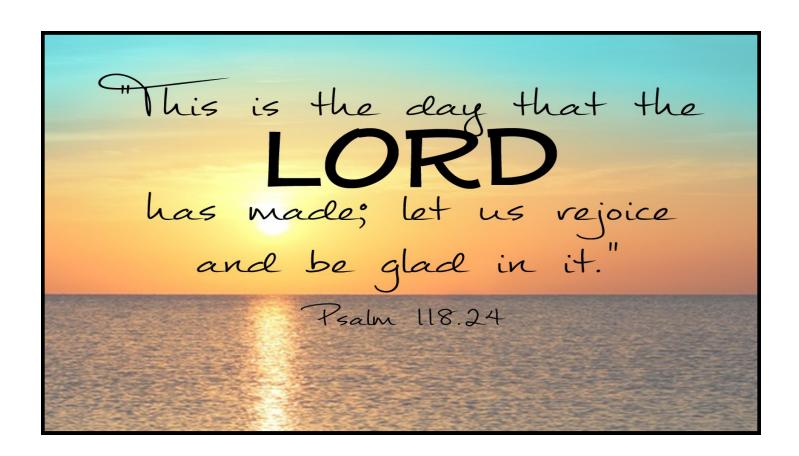
# **Volunteers**

1<sup>st</sup> Service Coffee Server: Ed Kawaleski

2<sup>nd</sup> Service Coffee Server: Mark Gaultney

1<sup>st</sup> Service Nursery: Amy Kunnen

2<sup>nd</sup> Service Nursery: Pat Ritsema & Cyndie Bingaman



# **Children & Youth News**



LBC Children's Church

The new class year will begin soon, and we would like to have the registrations done before September. You can register online at laketonbethel.org or stop at the check-in station to pick up a form.

Grades Preschool – 5 and Nursery



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# **Special Senior of the Week:**

Please show your support by signing the cards located on the table in the entryway.



# Jim Hoekzema

# Please remember in prayer our friends who are battling long-term illnesses:

Donald Bayne Bob Hanson Gary Samples

Jana Belladone Scott Hladki Joe Shavalier

Betty Bonneville Sally Legard Larry Shavaler

Larry Budreau Avery Lynn Ida Shealy

Patti Buurma J.T. Maskell Sandy Streeter

Craig Carlson Tom McKee Sr. Kathy Tabor

Amanda Cihak Patti Mercer Inga Weavers

Larry Cone Paul Ortquist

Amy Fredericks Lynn Pluger

Jacob Geers Aaron Rop

# Bible Readings for Today

# Colossians 3, The Message

<sup>22-25</sup> Servants, do what you're told by your earthly masters. And don't just do the minimum that will get you by. Do your best. Work from the heart for your real Master, for God, confident that you'll get paid in full when you come into your inheritance. Keep in mind always that the ultimate Master you're serving is Christ. The sullen servant who does shoddy work will be held responsible. Being a follower of Jesus doesn't cover up bad work.

# Galatians 6, New Living Translation

<sup>2</sup>Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.

<sup>4</sup>Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else. <sup>5</sup>For we are each responsible for our own conduct.

<sup>7</sup>Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. <sup>8</sup>Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

# 1 Corinthians 15, New Living Translation

<sup>58</sup> So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

# **Deep Sheet**

[a place for your notes]

The referenced book today is <u>THE FRED FACTOR</u> by Mark Sanborn.

Enthusiasm and excellence in work are marks of the follower of Jesus. Ironically, the more we put into our work, the more enjoyable it becomes.

Does the New Testament endorse slavery?

What can you do to make your work more fun?

What biblical principles are behind this?

#### **Other Notes:**

# **September Weekly Bible Readings**

Date	Day	New Testament	V	<b>Special Prayer</b>	Old Testament	$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$
01	Su	1 Corinthians 9			Joshua 12	
02	Mo	1 Corinthians 10			Joshua 13	
03	Tu	1 Corinthians 11			Joshua 14	
04	We	1 Corinthians 12			Joshua 15	
05	Th	1 Corinthians 13			Joshua 16	
06	Fr	1 Corinthians 14			Joshua 17	
07	Sa	1 Corinthians 15			Joshua 18	
09	Su	1 Corinthians 16			Joshua 19	

#### LAKETON BETHEL REFORMED CHURCH

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## THE PURPOSE OF LAKETON BETHEL:

"To trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love."

# **Laketon Bethel's Core Values:**

#### A. ACCEPTANCE:

Everyone, regardless of who they are, what they have done, or what they are doing, will be accepted here. Laketon Bethel will be a safe place to explore your relationship with Jesus.

#### **B. BIBLE:**

The teachings of Jesus, contained in the Bible, are the final authority for faith and practice. We will study these teachings with open minds and the best scholarship available.

#### **C. CONNECTION:**

We invite people to connect with Jesus and with each other in all that we do.

#### **OUR CONSISTORY**

<b>Deacons</b>

Joel Ortquist, Dave DeBoer, Jeff Hooker, Mike Lyons, Steve Mussman, Paula Scott-Stewart, Donna Spytma, Heather Wilke Brent Ackerman, Kristie Hall, Kathy Forrester, Jill Mouw, Doug Lubbers, Kris Meyers, Jerry Vos, Diana Wagbo